Please replace the drawings sheets 8/22 to 11/22 (Figure 5) with the attached substitute sheets of Figure 5a to Figure 5c.

Please replace the drawings sheets 12/22 to 14/22 (Figure 6) with the attached substitute sheets of Figure 6a to Figure 6b.

Please replace the drawings sheets 18/22 to 20/22 (Figure 10) with the attached substitute sheets of Figure 10a to Figure 10b.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 10 as follows:

-- Figures 1a to 1c present the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 3) and predicted amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 4) sequence of LGC1.--

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3 as follows:

-- Figures 5a to 5c present the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 5) and deduced amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 6) sequences of *gcH2A* cDNA. The predicted amino acid sequence (numbered at right) is given below the corresponding nucleic acid sequence (numbered at left).--

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 7 as follows:

-- Figures 6a to 6b present the nucleotide (SEQ ID NO: 7) and deduced amino acid (SEQ ID NO: 8) sequences of the Full Length *gcH3* cDNA. Numbers at left indicate base positions of the nucleotide sequence, numbers at right residue positions of the derived amino acid sequence.--

D3

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 31 as follows:

-- Figures 10a to 10b present the nucleotide sequence of the LGC1 promoter. The transcription start site (nucleotide position 817) and the translation start site (nucleotide position 894) are shown bold and are underlined.--

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